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SUBJECT: TRUST TERRITORY/N. MARIANAS SEPARATION WORK

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1. TO PETER COLEMAN, ATTENTION TERRY GARRETT, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. RECOMMEND SELECTION OF PALMER, WIGGS & HESTON, CPA'S, FOR TT/N. MARIANAS' SEPARATION WORK. THEIR ESTIMATE OF TIME REQUIRED APPEARS TO BE MORE REALISTIC THAN THAT OF PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO. AND CONSEQUENTLY, THEIR ESTIMATE OF COST LESS. FURTHERMORE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TTPI ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS WHICH WILL BE VERY HELPFUL. CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT SHOULD PROVIDE THAT THEY WILL MAKE THEIR WORKING PAPERS AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT COMPTROLLER FOR AUDIT PURPOSES AT A LATER DATE. YOU SHOULD ASCERTAIN THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO PETER COLEMAN, THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER, AND ERWIN CANHAM, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, NORTHERN MARIANAS. PLEASE ADVISE MR. CANHAM THAT MR. MOYSEY IS PREPARING A LETTER TO HIM ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH WILL CONFIRM HIS RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND THAT THE TOTAL COST IS ESTIMATED AT 70 TO 80 THOUSAND DOLS--TT TO PAY 40 AND NORTHERN MARIANAS 60 . DOA SENDS.

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